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Dear Members of the County Council,

We strongly oppose the idea of hiring additional, personal staff to respond to constituent concerns and represent you at events. This proposal smacks not only of government creep, but of political desire for personal credit each time a problem is solved. You were elected to monitor budgets and strategic plans, not to run for re-election day in and day out.

Normal governmental process would locate responsibility for solving constituent problems with the Executive Branch. The County Executive indicated that people are indeed in place to serve that purpose.

Out of eight (8) Council employees, you can surely find one to monitor the Executive Branch's response to constituent inquiries. If the Executive Branch is not following through, then you can suggest alternatives.

Please redirect your attention to the duties for which you were elected, and work out an arrangement with the Executive Branch to make sure residents receive a timely and personal response from Administrative staff responsible for the subject area in question.

The large group of civic leaders who worked so hard for county reform pledged to monitor progress. While we have been impressed in general by Council's tone of teamwork and dedication to needs of the County as a whole, this is the second example of overreach, and on behalf of our partners we have a duty to object – formally and forcefully.

Sincerely,

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